

JOHN L. SANDERS.

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JANUARY 8, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. ANDREWS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9382.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9382) granting an increase of pension to John L. Sanders, submit the following report:

John L. Sanders, private Company D, Seventeenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, served from March 1, 1862, to April 18, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. The records show that he was sent North on sick furlough August 20, 1863. He was treated in hospital for chronic diarrhea in September, 1863, and for pneumonia in November, 1864. He is now pensioned under the general law for chronic diarrhea and vertigo and intolerance of heat, result of sunstroke.

The legal approval was for "effects of sunstroke and for chronic diarrhea," but the medical division of the Pension Office held that there were no other results of sunstroke than vertigo and intolerance of heat, although the board of surgeons at Stockville, Nebr., where he was examined August 19, 1891, rated him seventeen-eightieths for heart disease, and said: "In our opinion heart disease is a result of sunstroke," and "the sum of his disabilities entirely disqualifies him for the performance of manual labor, and clearly entitles him to second-grade rating." And the secretary of the board at the same place, on October 3, 1894, rated him eighteen-eightieths for heart disease.

Soldier had sunstroke in service. Disease of heart is a frequent result of sunstroke. He has disease of heart; no other cause appears except sunstroke. The board of examining surgeons say they believe his disease of heart is a result of his sunstroke, and that he is totally disabled. Your committee believe this to be correct, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

In line 7, strike out the word "mouth" and insert the word "month."

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